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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Case No. MBHB03-1070 (400/139))

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

McSwiggen, et al.

Serial No. 10/727,780

Filed: December 3, 2003

Title Inhibition Of Gene Expression
Using Duplex Forming
Oligonucleotides

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit: 1645

Confirmation No.: 7111

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a) Preliminary Amendment
 - b) Supplemental Application Data Sheet
2. With respect to fees:
 - a) It is believed no fee is due at this time.
3. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION: Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on April 7, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,
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